

Grant to fix missing link

Funds will extend trail from Pontoon Beach to Edwardsville

A \$90,000 state grant through the Department of Natural Resources will add a missing link in the growing network of bike paths around the area.

The grant, received by the Madison County Transit District, will build 1.3 miles of asphalt interconnector trail between the Vandalabene Nature Trail at ESIC Drive and the Market Basket commercial area on Illinois Route 159.

"This will open up quite a bit of area to the bikeway that is already there," Madison County Transit Director Jerry Kane said.

Bikers will have access from the Montclair area, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and from the new Edwardsville High School, he said.

"This is a long-term effort and investment, and the public will gain the benefit."

The new portion of the trail will go through a wooded area and fill the last critical connection to Market Basket. The Vandalabene Trail runs six miles from ESIC Drive to Pontoon Beach, where it will eventually connect to the Schoolhouse Trail and potentially to Horseshoe Lake State Park, officials said.

"The popularity of bikes continues to increase," said Kane, who cited quality of life issues and personal health as part of the formula. Rollerbladers,

joggers, serious marathoners and biking families have all taken to the trails in many different forms of travel, he said.

"Society is learning there are alternatives to the single-driver auto," he said. The county's bikeway system of about 20 miles of unconnected trails also includes the Glen Carbon Heritage Trail, the Delyte Morris Bike Path and the Vandalabene Bicycle Path along the River Road. The core trails will eventually join the Confluence Bikeway over the new Clark Bridge at Alton connecting the Mel Price Locks and Dam and new Visitor's Center, officials said.

Illinois officials also see an advantage to funding more bike trails to meet the growing demand.

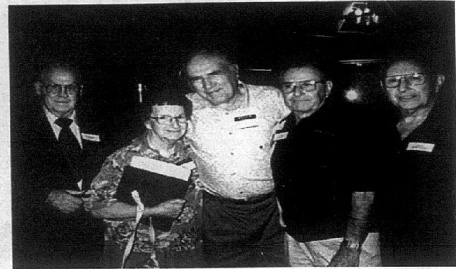
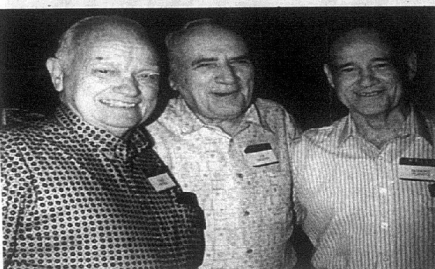
"Biking is a good way of getting people around without putting more cars on the road," state Sen. Frank Watson, R-Carlyle, said. "It's a lot cheaper to build a bike trail than a street."

Watson announced an additional grant for the Collinsville Area Recreation District for \$200,000 to develop the first phase of the Schoolhouse Trail from Eastport Plaza to Keeler Road. The 3.6-mile asphalt route is a joint effort by Collinsville and the transit district.

— From The Telegraph



At left, from left, friends Chris Warren and Ruth Nicholas and co-workers Frances Hoppe, Verla Lindner, Mary Eck and Ollie Derr gathered together during the reunion of former workers at the Granite City Engineer Depot. Below left, are former co-workers Leland Harding, Joe Yasko and Robert "Bob" Planitz. Below right, from left, co-workers Clarence Hoppe, Frances Hoppe, Joe Yasko, Jim Delaney and John Robertson.



Depot workers hold annual reunion

The former Granite City Engineer Depot held its annual reunion on June 6. The reunion, sponsored by the Combined Maintenance Division, included 60 co-workers.

John Robertson was the emcee for the program. A prayer was presented by

Verla Lindner and Robertson led the group in unison for the pledge of allegiance.

A brief history of the Depot was given by John Lerch and Frances Hoppe led a candlelight ceremony for the deceased members.

Guests and co-workers enjoyed entertainment by the band, Al's Pals.

Committee members for the event were Ollie Derr, James and JoAnn Delaney, Clarence and Frances Hoppe, John Robertson, Norma Buchheim, Verla Lindner and Marge Eck.

Fireworks continue over Stassi's status

Legal fireworks continued Monday over the status of Wood River Councilman Anthony Stassi, who is jailed on sexual assault charges.

The City Council and Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine are at odds over a failed deal for Stassi to resign in return for a one-time, \$2,000 payment.

Last week, Haine's office sued the council, asking that a judge require it to demonstrate by what authority it continued to pay Stassi's \$200-a-month salary.

On Monday, Haine's office sued Stassi, requesting a court order that Stassi show by what authority he continues to hold the office.

The city and Stassi have 30 days from the filing dates to answer the lawsuits.

Haine maintains that Stassi's resignation was effective as soon as the council accepted it on July 21. The city and its attorney, Merle Bassett, believe the resignation was conditional on the \$2,000 payment.

Under pressure from Haine, the city asked that the check be returned. Stassi returned the check and withdrew his resignation.

"Our position is the same as last week," Haine said. "We believe he has resigned and that's it. There are no provisional resignations of public officials in Illinois."

Bassett disagrees. He said there is case law that allows for conditional resignations. He said the city must defend itself in court to protect against additional problems.

"What we are trying to do is ensure that the law is followed, which, I assume, is what the state's attorney is trying to do," Bassett said.

If the city simply accepted Haine's opinion and seated a new councilman, Stassi potentially could sue the city and

win, Bassett said.

City officials say Wood River needs a full complement of five active council members in order to properly conduct the city's business. Bassett said the city wants a judge to clarify the situation so that the city can replace Stassi.

Colbert honored

Melinda Dawn Colbert of Granite City was one of 345 students to be named to the spring 1997 dean's list at Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

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Often a parent who has been awarded custody of the children in a divorce decree will wish to move out of the State of Illinois following the divorce. This desire to move may be due to a job change, an opportunity for re-marriage, or an opportunity to be close to relatives. In some cases, the custodial parent may wish to move away simply to get away from the ex-spouse. It is important to note that the custodial parent will be required to demonstrate to the court in order to obtain court approval for the move.

Because we presently live in such a mobile society where people frequently desire to relocate, this has become an issue which frequently winds up in court because the non-custodial parent often opposes the move. The parent who has custody has the burden of providing that the move is in the best interest of the child.

In one recent case, a man and woman who had two children were divorced in 1992. The trial court entered a final judgment awarding custody of the children to the mother and approving her removal of the children to Minnesota. Apparently the mother went to Minnesota to be closer to

immediate family. The father took the case on appeal, and the Appellate Court reversed the decision of the trial court. The Appellate Court noted that the mother testified that there was no financial reason for her to leave Illinois. She did not leave Illinois for a better job in Minnesota. Furthermore, the children had been basically happy in Illinois and there was nothing to prevent the mother from moving back to the Mt. Vernon area. The mother had testified that she moved in part because of acts of violence on the part of her ex-husband. However, the Appellate Court noted that there was no evidence of a pattern of violence or of previous physical altercations between the parties.

The Court concluded that the negative impact that removal of the children to Minnesota, some 850 miles away from Mt. Vernon, had on the father's visitation rights was great. The biggest impediment to effective visitation in this case, according to the Appellate Court, was the sheer distance involved. Given all of the facts on this case, the Appellate Court directed that the children be returned to the State of Illinois.

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BIRTH

Gall, Johnathan Darrell, DARRELL AND LISA GALL of Edwardsville have announced the birth of their third child, a son.

Johnathan Darrell was born at 11:53 a.m. April 2, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 9 pounds, 4 ounces and joins Almee and Lynsey.

The maternal grandparents are Richard and Sharon Kriehok of Madison.

Phyllis Gall of Granite City and the late Leonard Gall and Virginia Sutton were the paternal grandparents.

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NEWS

Agency cites motel where boy drowned

Department of Public Health says pool had ten violations of state regulations

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

The Illinois Department of Public Health has asked the Madison County State's Attorney's Office to consider bringing charges against the owner of a Collinsville motel where a 6-year-old died earlier this month. The IDPH also threatened to suspend the motel's pool license.

The IDPH on Tuesday issued a notice to Andy Patel, owner of Travelodge, 475 N. Bluff Road, that spelled out 10 ways the motel's pool was in violation of the Swimming Pool and Bathing Beach Act. The notice gave the motel a week to correct the problems.

An inspection of the motel pool is scheduled for Aug. 5.

The letter stated that proper testing — and documentation of it — had not been performed on the pool.

"There were apparently several days prior to the drowning where the water was at least questionable," said Tom Schafer, a spokesman for the IDPH in Springfield.

Management at the motel was not available for comment Wednesday. The state's attorney's office had not yet received information by Wednesday on the case.

Schafer said the condition of the water violated state law, which requires that the drain in the bottom of the pool be visible from the deck area.

"It's there for an obvious reason," Schafer said. "So you can see all the people in the pool and notice if someone is in trouble."

That apparently was not the case when Ronald Burris Jr. of East St. Louis drowned July 20 in the pool during a family gathering. At least 15 to 20 people were believed to have been in the pool when the youngster slipped unnoticed to the bottom, officials have said.

The letter cited several other items allegedly not in compliance, including:

- A self-latching mechanism "allowing unimpeded access for small children" on the pool's access gate. The latch test is not sufficiently secured to the floor, the notice stated.
- Filtration equipment that is either missing or in need of repair.
- Pool ladders in need of replacement or repair.

If the problems cited in the notice are not corrected by the scheduled inspection, the motel could lose its annual pool license, Schafer said.

Strassenfest strikes up the band

The 36th anniversary of the St. Louis Strassenfest will be celebrated this weekend in downtown St. Louis.

The festival runs Friday through Sunday at Memorial Plaza, across from City Hall in downtown St. Louis. The three-day event is in the area bordered by Tucker Boulevard, 14th Street, Pine Street and Market Street.

Hours are from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. Bring the whole family.

Entertainment includes the Waterloo German Band, Deutschmeister Brass Band, Herb Eberle Band and others.

A children's village at Chestnut and 14th streets will feature storytellers, jugglers and a magician. There will be rides for children and adults.

Strassenfest also includes bratwurst, knockwurst, potato pancakes, apple strudel, corn on the cob, funnel cakes and many other favorites. Domestic and foreign beers, wines and various other drinks are offered.

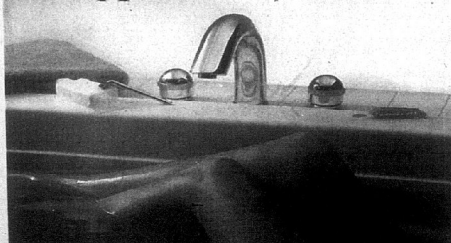
Arts and crafts booths will be located along 14th Street between Market and Chestnut Streets. Dozens of artists and craftsmen will exhibit and sell drawings, paintings, jewelry, leather crafts, toys and other handcrafted items.

The German festival began in Columbia, Ill., as a way to bring local farmers into town to celebrate the end of the wheat harvest.

Parking is available near the Strassenfest grounds, including a garage at Tucker and Locust streets.

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Jeffery Ryan, 22, also of the 2000 block of Illinois Ave., Granite City, was charged with criminal trespass to private property.

Joseph Amos, 18, of St. Louis, was charged with both contributing to the delinquency of a minor and criminal trespass to private property.

Elizabeth Sabo, 19, of Glen Carbon, was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor and criminal trespassing.

"Trainnet, (which is upgrading the property), does not want anyone on the bridge when it's not open, and we will arrest anyone we find on the bridge," Skoklo said.

Even the brick walkways around the corner was dug up for their favorite pastimes: bird-watching.

"The tree over there my parents brought to us from west Tennessee," Freeman said. "And the boxwood around the corner was dug up from a cemetery where my mother's family is buried."

Even the brick walkways around the corner was dug up for their favorite pastimes: bird-watching.

"These bricks are from the old Collinsville lead plant, and those out there are from the old St. Peter and Paul Church," he said. "I put down the bricks, but Shirley does the yardwork."

Bird-watching has been a passion for as long as the couple can remember.

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Avid bird-watchers Shirley and Freeman Hopper fill a feeder.

Couple's yard a tribute to history and nature

By Alene Hill
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And at first, we tried feeding the squirrels, too, but they still ate the bird food. They're a show themselves, so crafty," he said.

Two specially weighted bird feeders filled with black sunflower seeds lure cardinals, while other feeders attract yellow finches, house finches, downy woodpeckers, red-bellied woodpeckers, chickadees, wrens, doves, tufted titmice, snowbirds, flickers and blue jays.

"We bought the cardinal feeders from a man in Granite City who builds them weighted so only cardinals can eat from them. If a smaller or larger bird tries to feed from them, the feeders will tip and get to the seed," Freeman said.

Two feeders, one near their "bird-watching window" and the other still close enough to be viewed from the house, feed hummingbirds.

"It's different in the winter," Freeman said. "There are more chickadees, snowbirds and yellow flickers in the spring and the fall, we see more tufted titmice."

"And there are doves that come and clean up what falls to the ground," Shirley added.

In addition to providing bird food year-round, which they buy in 25-pound bags, the Hoppers also supply a heated bird bath in the winter.

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Freeman, a Tennessee native, and Shirley, born and raised near Quincy, Ill., met while Shirley taught in Alton and Freeman was stationed at Scott Air Force Base.

They married here and moved back to Tennessee. They returned to Collinsville in 1960, and both worked for the Unit 10 School District.

Shirley began teaching at the former Columbian School, then moved to Dorris, Maryville and Lincoln schools. She retired in 1987.

Freeman served as assistant principal at Webster School and later became the first principal at North, where he worked for 13 years. After earning his doctorate degree, he moved to the central office, working on a variety of projects. He also retired in 1987.

He then began working for Franklin Life Insurance Co.; he retired last November.

The Hoppers, who have been married 40 years this month, have one daughter, Mindy. After receiving her master's degree in deaf education, Mindy, who was born deaf, is currently moving from Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester to a job at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C.

As members of Our Lord's Lutheran Church, they volunteer the first Thursday of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church in Granite City assembling Braille books.

Freeman still finds time for woodworking, collecting pieces of wood and designing birdhouses, tables and decorative shelves.

Even though maintaining their property can sometimes be overwhelming, they still find welcome respite at home.

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SOUND OFF!

To call the Journal "Sound Off" line, dial 344-2340 and leave your message. We won't print personal attacks or unfair criticism of individuals or businesses. Please keep your comments brief and reasonable.

Welcome back
As a resident of Ward 5 (in Granite City), I want to publicly acknowledge the excellent judgment and integrity Mayor Selph displayed with the appointment of former Fifth Ward Alderman Eddie Asadorian to the vacancy left by Alderman Blackwell.
Eddie is an honest, hard-working alderman who truly cares about not only Ward 5 but our whole city. He was, by far, the most logical choice since he had already proven himself as an alderman before his close race in April's election.
Welcome back, Eddie, and thank you, Mayor Selph. You may use my name — Stephanie Tinker.

More of the same
It will just be more of the same after the Edwardsville YMCA million dollar expansion — more space, more people forced to use the same old smelly, wet locker dressing rooms and shower facilities.

Ruining our lives?
I read *USA Today* yesterday and it says "U.S. hospitals attracting patients from abroad." Well, they're attracting patients from abroad because they figure their employer is picking up the tab. But who is paying for them to have this kind of money to come over here? We are, probably.
And another thing I read not too long ago was Canada was sending their doctors down here to earn more money. Why should they come down here? Why don't they take care of their people up there where they belong? And the same way with these people in foreign countries... And those doctors are ruining our lives with their automation and their stuff.

Trim the weeds
Granite City: Why is it that big companies and organizations are unconcerned and that weeds grow up around the buildings, in the expansion cracks of the sidewalks and parking lots, and never trim around the side of the sidewalks?
It is dangerous to walk and it makes our neighborhood look bad. They should get out there and trim the grass from growing from the side of the sidewalks.

Not much trash
I'm reading the *Press Record* about this "Recycling or Else" (a caller to Sound Off) who contended those who don't recycle should be fined. What does a person do when they're crippled and they live alone and they don't have much to fill up that large container? I save all the cans from my dog and my kitty and what other little food cans I open up now and then. I'm not going to run out there just four or five cans in that large bin. I wait until it gets full. It takes three, four weeks to fill that large bin when a person is living alone... It's just not fair... So whoever said that Sound Off stuff, they ought to think about people that live alone and don't have that much stuff. Five or six people in a family, they have a lot of stuff to recycle. When you live alone, you don't have that much. Anyway, that's my Sound Off! I'm angry about it.

CAROL'S COMMENTS

Glenn Miller story briefly disturbing

Earlier this month, en route to northern Michigan for a much-needed, all-too-brief vacation, I heard via the car radio some earth-shattering news. No brief news time, this. It went on, and on, and on until, somewhere between Effingham and Terre Haute, the St. Louis station went out of range.

I had tossed the morning paper, unread, into the back seat, but was certain, judging by the shock and dismay expressed by the young woman announcing the story, that when I did read the paper, I'd find it front page with huge headlines.

Not so, I discovered later in the day. It merited only three short graphs on page two. What was the catastrophic news so disturbing to the young lady that her voice trembled and she urged listeners to call in and comment? It all item out of Bonn, Germany, reporting that one of the top bundeladers of my youth, Glenn Miller, had died in the arms of a Parisian prostitute way back in December of 1944, rather than in a plane crash off the French coast as we've assumed all these years.

The allegation had been printed in a German newspaper and said the information came from a German journalist who stumbled on the story in U.S. Secret Service files while researching material for a book.

The writer described it as a cover-up, typical of wartime misinformation and designed to preserve Miller's legend and "protect the morale of American troops." Oh, yeah, I can see it now, all our ingenious, naive military throwing down their weapons, with tears flowing copiously, and murmuring, "Oh, no, not our Glenn, not in such a disgraceful fashion."

The newspaper discounted the discovery of Miller's single engine plane by a British diver



Carol Clarkin

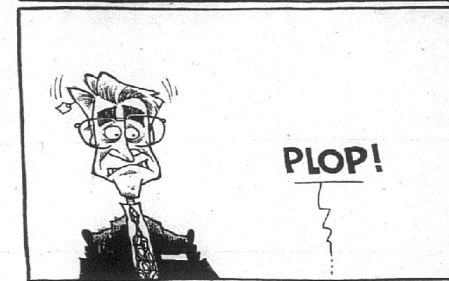
In 1985, netting that there had been no signs that the plane had crashed in the Channel nor any human remains. I suppose we must assume that Miller somehow managed to coast it in without crashing, swam ashore and hitched his way to Paris for a little R-and-R. Well, I'm here to tell you, I hardly slept a wink that night. Our Glenn, a rogue! The shame, the disgrace of it! And only a mere 52 years ago! But, somehow, I managed to survive the shock and sleeplessness and staggered into Rusty's about mid-afternoon the next day. Days passed and, noticing that canoeists were fewer and less rowdy than usual, I was told of a pending lawsuit against violations by canoe liveries of a law limiting the number of canoes existing liveries can put on the Au Sable or expanding the number of such businesses.

Somewhat, the impact of the news of Miller's alleged lapse withered away. After all, it was over half a century ago and perhaps one of the callers to the radio station phone-in, a male caller of course, wasn't too off base with his opinion. "What a way to go!" he told the distraught young announcer. Maybe Glenn was just "In the Mood?"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Doctor offers his thanks

TO THE EDITOR:
As a Granite City pediatrician, I would personally like to thank the following groups, businesses and volunteers for their help and concern for the safety of our children.
Thanks to everyone involved for their donations and time that made our bicycle safety rodeo a great success: all the volunteers, Granite City Police Officer Mike Sparks, Fireman's Local 253, paramedics Ed Mitchell and Dan DeRouse, Breeze Bicycle Shop, St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Karen Onstott of the Training and Development Dept., SEMC's Heartland Health Care and Providence Health Service, Dave Raetz of State Farm Insurance, Capri Sun, McDonald's restaurant and Alliant Foods.
A special thanks to all the parents and children who participated.
SHAFFIQUE AHMAD, M.D.
Granite City pediatrician

Medicare plan is disturbing

TO THE EDITOR:
I am exceedingly disturbed over many issues, two of which are the proposed changes in Medicare and the proposals made by the tobacco companies.
Concerning Medicare, my points are: If more money is required, that money should be raised based on a percentage, not on a so-called ability to pay.
If, for example, additional payments are required for a single person earning \$50,000 or a married person earning \$100,000, why is not more required from those earning hundreds of thousands or millions?
Why is no extra payment required of a single person earning \$49,999.99 or a married couple earning \$99,999.99?
Clean up the Medicare system not only by eliminating fraud but also by bringing costs into line such as those costs which allow veterans hospitals to purchase supplies and prescriptions at a fraction of the cost paid by members.
Concerning the tobacco negotiations, I firmly hold with Dr. Koop and the FDA positions but wish to point out a feature to be added.
For example, let's postulate that the tobacco industry who wants to slow down or prevent lawsuits stipulates they will pay 20 cents toward health care from every pack of cigarettes sold. What a bargain for tobacco! They not only reduce or eliminate advertising expenses, but also raise the price per pack of cigarettes, thereby, maximizing their profits.
RAYMOND G. URAM
Granite City

Sales tax is double whammy

TO THE EDITOR:
You probably wouldn't be very happy if you paid a sales tax on your purchase of a birthday cake, then were required to pay another sales tax every time you ate a slice.
Yet if you are leasing a motor vehicle in Illinois, the tax you pay is the same sort of a double tax that you'd pay on the birthday cake, providing you want to eat the cake, too. In Illinois, your monthly lease payments are based on the vehicle's sales price plus the sales tax, just as if you were purchasing the car outright.
And as you make your monthly payments, you pay the tax just as if you were making monthly payments on the purchase of the same vehicle. However, if at the end of your lease term you decide to purchase the vehicle, another sales tax is assessed on the remaining value of the vehicle, even though you've already paid tax at that amount when you originally leased it.
It's a double tax that certainly doesn't double your pleasure with the vehicle.
The Illinois Automobile Dealers Association has a better idea. During the recently-concluded spring session of the Illinois General Assembly, we offered legislation that not only would appeal to the Illinois consumer, but will be a boost for the state's economy as well.
Under the terms of House Bill 1121, a motor vehicle lessor would pay only the sales tax on the monthly payment of the vehicle, not on the full purchase price of the vehicle. Then, if you decide to purchase the vehicle at the end of your lease, you would be obligated to pay the sales tax on the residual value of the vehicle.
In essence, you would pay a sales tax only on the portion of the vehicle that you use.

To look at it in practical terms, the lease rate on a vehicle with an \$18,000 sales price would be reduced by \$30 a month. The monthly payment on the lease of a \$32,000 vehicle would be reduced by \$90 a month.
Because our state is one of only a handful in the nation which still double-taxes leases, Illinois is losing a big share of its potential lease business to border states. Wisconsin, Missouri, Indiana, and Iowa already assess their tax on leases according to monthly gross receipts instead of the purchase price of the vehicle. Many consumers realize it's cheaper to lease out-of-state, which has a negative ripple effect on Illinois jobs and Illinois workers.
House Bill 1121 was overwhelmingly approved by both chambers of the Illinois General Assembly — 55-1 in the Senate and 115-1 in the House of Representatives. Other organizations supporting the abolition of the double tax are the Tax-

payers Federation of Illinois, the Illinois Realtors Association, the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, and the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce.
The measure is now on Governor (Jim) Edgar's desk. As a lessor of a motor vehicle in Illinois, you stand to gain if he signs it.

PETE SANDER
President, Illinois Automobile Dealers Association
Whose airport is it anyway?

TO THE EDITOR:
"Small jets are snubbed" read the headline of an article generated by disgruntled local aircraft owners who have been told there will not be space for them at the new MidAmerica Airport.
This \$240 million airport, which was twice rejected by area voters and was eventually jammed down our throats anyway, as we all knew it would be, admittedly has not even one passenger or cargo plane contract barely four months from its completion date.
The arrogance of these people who decide what we need, ask our opinion, ignore it when it is not what they expected and do what they want to anyway, allows them to reject business when they have none.
St. Clair County Board Chairman (John) Baracovic indicates they are willing to accept small aircraft business from out-of-towners. It is only the locals they do not care to accommodate.

Do out-of-towners vote for county board members?
PAUL MOHME
Collinsville

Cat gets its second chance

TO THE EDITOR:
Several weeks ago we received a call from the staff at the Animal Emergency Center. A good Samaritan had stopped to pick up a critically injured cat laying on the side of the road in St. Clair County and brought him to the Center.
This incredible cat responded to affection despite his multiple injuries. We weren't sure he would make it through the night. Surgery was required but it was still touch and go as he continued to fight for his life.
Later that day he was transferred to an area veterinarian where he required a second surgery to relieve his suffering. The veterinarians felt he had a chance to make it.
He was in acute pain when I visited him but this brave cat responded to me by licking my hand. I have never encountered an animal with such a will to live. After a few days he began to eat and started the long road to recovery.
Our critics may say he should have been euthanized and yet we all felt he should have this second chance. Our members and friends continue to support our mission "To give injured animals a second chance."

SHELLY BLUMBERG
ARRF President

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Carnival time!

Children at Tri-City Child Development Center are treated to a right fair fair



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESÉ)

In the photo at left Adam Rapp, 2, fishes a plastic duck out of a pool to find out which grab bag he can take his prize from. Above Jacob Kaiser, center, shows off a balloon dog to Kyle Everett, left. Both of the boys are 4 years old.



In photos clockwise from below, left: Bailey Clayton, 8, paints a raindrop on the cheek of Caleb Fulton, 4; Billy Hoppe, 10, makes a treat; Bailey paints the face of Jessica Cook, 7; Ryan McGehee, 4, steps into a pillowcase for the sack race; instructor Kristy Engleke plays the clown and makes balloon animals and hats for the kids at Tri-City Child Development.



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OBITUARIES

Barnhart, Jeffrey
JEFFREY A. BARNHART, 23, of Granite City died Monday, July 28, 1997, at 10:12 a.m. at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. He was born June 15, 1974, in Granite City to Allen and Frances (Ward) Barnhart.

He was a substitute custodian with Granite City School District 9 for two years. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Robert and Grace Barnhart; maternal grandfather, Joseph Ward; and one sister, Jennifer Barnhart.

Surviving are one son, Brandon Allen Barnhart of Bend; one sister, Amy Barnhart of Granite City; maternal grandmother, Marisa Ward of Granite City; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be held today, Thursday, July 31, at Irwin Chapel, 3850 Maryville Road in Granite City at 10 a.m. with Rev. Henry Crippen officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the Make A Wish Foundation.

Wagner, Veronica
VERONICA "RONI" (DROZDA) WAGNER, 78, of Granite City died at 6:15 p.m. Monday, July 28, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born July 27, 1918, in Madison, Mo.

Mrs. Wagner was a member of the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, daughter of Isabella and the Ladies Auxiliary of the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Moose Lodge in Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rudolf Wagner, whom she married Aug. 30, 1937; he died Sept. 28, 1981; and her parents, Andrew and Anna (Kischude) Drozda.

Survivors include four sons, Rudolf of Granite City, Robert of Destin, Fla., Mark of Ballwin, Mo., and Jim of Granite City; two daughters, Barbara Bronnbaue and Margaret Maloney, both of Granite City; one brother, Joseph Drozda of Granite City; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation is tonight, Thursday, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Thomas Mortuary. A rosary service will begin at 8:30 p.m.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at St. Elizabeth Church, 2300 Pontoon Road in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to the Lupus Foundation.

Woodward, Don
DON L. WOODWARD, 71, of Granite City, died at 8:51 p.m. Monday, July 28, 1997, at the Gibson Community Hospital in Granite City.

The body was cremated; a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Lamb Funeral Home, 303 N. Church St. in Gibson City, is in charge of arrangements.

Walters, Gerald "Jerry"
GERALD G. "JERRY" WALTERS, 83, of Granite City died at 12:50 p.m. on Monday, July 28, 1997, at the East Texas Medical Center in Athens, Texas.

He was born on July 23, 1914, in Granite City to Oliver and Marguerite (Link) Walters, both of whom preceded him in death.

He was a personnel and safety director at the General Steel Castings Co., also worked at the Granite City Army Depot and served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He retired in 1976. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Granite City; Masonic Lodge #677 AF & AM; Scottish Rite Bodies of Southern Illinois; Alford Shrine Temple; and a charter member of the Granite City Sports Hall of Fame.

He also preceded in death by his first wife, Joyce (Johnson) Walters, in 1952; one brother, Bob Walters; one sister, Bernice Gresek; and a granddaughter, Linda K. Cullen.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley (Amos) Walters of Granite City; one son, Gerald R. Walters of Godfrey; one daughter, Jacqueline Cullen of Glen Carbon; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 1, at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City with the Rev. Dr. Lewis E. Trotter officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 31, at Davis Funeral Home from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Masonic Lodge #677 will also hold a service at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Memorials may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children and life with.

Acocis, Grant
GRANT A. ACOCIS, 77, of Granite City, died Tuesday, July 29, 1997, at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy, Ill.

He was born Feb. 6, 1920, in Rockford, to the late Franklin and Bertha Rice Acocis.

Mr. Acocis was a television repairman who owned and operated Acocis TV Repair Shop in Roxana.

He then worked for H. W. TV Repair Shop in Alton, and Burt's TV and Townsend's TV in Granite City. He was a member of the U.S. Army and a member of Calvary Pentecostal Church in Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margie Ellen Waasman, who died on Oct. 8, 1969; three sons, David John Acocis of South Roxana; Timothy Grant Acocis of Glen Carbon and Steven Harold Acocis of Granite City; two daughters, Sharon Mae Tullock of Granite City, Cynthia Ellen Adridge of Mitchell; one stepson, Kenneth R. Mitchell of Granite City; one brother, Floyd Acocis of Orange Grove, Fla.; and one sister, Emily Packer of Olean, N.Y.; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be on Thursday, July 31, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Pletcher Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Aug. 1, at 10 a.m. at Pletcher Funeral Home in Edwardsville with Rev. Harold Maynard, pastor of Calvary Pentecostal Church in Granite City, officiating. Burial will be in Wanda Cemetery in South Roxana.

Memorials may be made to Second Baptist Church in Granite City.

Krinski, Lavina (Keeton)
LAVINA (KEETON) KRINSKI, 75, of Lebanon, formerly of Moscow, Mo., died Sunday, July 27, 1997, at Emerald Gardens Health Care Center in Lebanon. She was born May 11, 1922 in Elsberry, Mo.

She was a homemaker. Survivors include two daughters, Marcella Humberg of Jamestown, Janice Kalsman of San Ramon, Calif.; two sons, Gerald Priest of Belleville; Kenneth Priest of Belleville; two sisters, Mrs. Vilva Hertfelder of St. Louis, and Mrs. Mary Ann Gatter of St. Louis; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony Krinski; her mother, Stella Palmon; and her mother, Stella Palmon.

The funeral was held Thursday, July 31 at Meyer Funeral Home in Lebanon with the Rev. Dr. Baker, Faith Baptist Church in Belleville, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery in St. Louis.

Baker, Flora E.
FLORA E. BAKER, 87, of Granite City, died Monday, July 28, 1997, at Green Co., Ark.

She was a housewife and affiliated with the Calvary Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Francis Van Stratten of Miami, Fla.; Lillian Bae Wiles and Katherine Wiles, both of Granite City; three sons, Walter Nelson and J.L. "Pete" Nelson of Pontoon Beach and Wilbur Nelson of Steger; and 32 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom Nelson.

Surprise party held for Dutko
A surprise 60th birthday party was recently given for Frank Dutko, formerly of Madison, by Sara Dutko at the home of Tom and Robin Newman of Phoenix, Ariz.

Earl Parsons of San Francisco, formerly of Granite City, served as master of ceremonies.

Other out-of-town guests included Jamie Harboe of Cary, N.C.; Nell Holshouser of Granite City; Barbara Jo and Jerry Lilly of Granite City.

Others who were present were Frank and Bootsie (Hilliard) Till, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Portell, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Miller, Mark and Beverlee (Cochran) Vaiker, Pauline Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Med Mullen, George Rife, Kelly (Dutko) Pinnell and Cindy Coghlan Baczewski, all former residents of Granite City who now reside in Phoenix.

her parents, George and Hattie (Barney) Aust and a son, Vernie Nelson.

Services were held Wednesday at Calvary Pentecostal Church with the Rev. Harold Maynard officiating.

Burial was in Buck Road Cemetery. Donations may be made to Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

Boner, Russell
RUSSELL E. BONER, 57, of Pontoon Beach, died on Monday, July 28, 1997, at DePaul Hospital in St. Louis. He was born Feb. 14, 1940 in Granite City.

He was a self-employed auto body repairman for 30 years.

Surviving are three sons, Toni Earhart of Granite City, Dale Earhart of Collinsville, and Ron Earhart of Houston, Texas; one daughter, Diane Kirby of Fosterburg; father, Lee Boner and stepmother, Bonnie Boner, both of Troy; two brothers, Lennie Boner of Troy and Harry Leroy Squires of Hardin; two sisters, Dorothy Sander of Troy and JoAnn Gault of Troy; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Private services will be held in Hart Cemetery in Dover, Tenn.

Thieves
(Continued from Page 1A)

enough problems as it is." The clothes, which are sold at reduced prices, do not reflect the loss in shoplifting, he said.

"We just take it on the chin," Robbins said. Bigger stores, particularly those that are part of national chains, may suffer financial losses, and it does affect the customer, one spokesman said.

Mark Edmondson, an assistant store manager of Big Lots, said the chain loses "between \$20,000 to \$30,000 a year due to shoplifting."

To combat the losses, he said, "We have employees throughout the store who assist everyone who comes in, a surveillance system and such."

But, he said, when the stores suffer the loss, "the customer has to pay for it. We have to adjust our prices (to make up the difference), and that hurts our good customers."

When shoplifters are caught, Big Lots personnel call the police, he said. Debbie Graham of the Quik Trip's marketing headquarters in Oklahoma, however, said his chain's philosophy is to let shoplifters go without being followed.

"The safety of our employees always comes first," she said. "We ask the employees not to chase down a shoplifter."

"We train our employees for four months on what to do to avoid getting hurt, Graham said. She said she could not comment on how much the Quik Trip chain loses to theft or if prices contain a cushion to make up the difference.

Kmart officials won't discuss shoplifting. Teresa Stephens, a regional coordinator for the media relations department for Kmart, said, "We don't talk about that. It's one of the policies we have. As an industry issue, the National Retail Federation addresses that to the public."

At least one Granite City store has a different story to tell about shoplifting. Parkside Mall, located at 3202 Maryville Road, rarely suffers from shoplifters, according to the manager, who wouldn't give her name.

"We used to," she said, "but we got cameras set up. We haven't had any problems in quite a long time."

Of course, continue to make arrests for shoplifting. In the last week, two arrests were made.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Orlan; his mother, Alice Lorene (Pruett) Boner; one son, Richard Earhart; one sister, Norma Lee Boner; and one brother, Ed "Sonny" Boner.

Surviving are three sons, Toni Earhart of Granite City, Dale Earhart of Collinsville, and Ron Earhart of Houston, Texas; one daughter, Diane Kirby of Fosterburg; father, Lee Boner and stepmother, Bonnie Boner, both of Troy; two brothers, Lennie Boner of Troy and Harry Leroy Squires of Hardin; two sisters, Dorothy Sander of Troy and JoAnn Gault of Troy; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Private services will be held in Hart Cemetery in Dover, Tenn.

Business seminar for veterans set

The U.S. Small Business Administration and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Vet centers are sponsoring a Veterans Small Business Conference Aug. 1-2.

The conference will be held at the East St. Louis City Hall, 301 River Park Drive. Veterans who are interested in starting a business or expanding a business are encouraged to participate. There is no charge.

Call Rose Johnson at the East St. Louis Vet Center at (618) 397-6602, or George Knight at the St. Louis Vet Center at (314) 231-1260.

One alleged thief, identified last weekend by Big Lots store manager Donald Gramp, was Jacquelin Ann Pickett, a 35-year-old Fairview Heights woman.

According to police reports, Pickett allegedly carried two large plastic garbage bags containing clothing from the store, located at 3801 Nameoki Road, and Gramp caught her in the act.

Police said Gramp apparently watched Pickett put the clothing in a gray Buick. However, a man who was sitting in the car apparently decided to leave the vehicle, and took the keys with him, police said.

Pickett then ran from the scene to Long John Silver's, police said. Officers arrested her there, according to police reports.

Another alleged shoplifter, Donna Cornstubble, 33, of Collinsville, was arrested at Kmart at 3655 Nameoki Road, after a loss prevention officer discovered by surveillance that she had allegedly put four men's shirts in a black purse.

She put the black purse over her shoulder and walked out, police said. According to police reports, Cornstubble already had a previous conviction for retail theft.

Both alleged shoplifters were charged with retail theft, a felony, an officer said. A third shoplifting incident occurred at Quik Trip North at 3120 Nameoki Road, when an unidentified man walked from the store carrying two cases of beer, got in another man's car and drove away.

According to police reports, the owner of the car had offered a ride to the shoplifter, who said his name was "Tony."

The two then drove to Quik Trip to buy cigarettes, police said. The driver and owner of the car was at the counter, "Tony" picked up two cases of beer and ran from the store.

However, store manager Lance Schmidt apparently failed to follow corporate regulations.

After notifying the police, he said in a report, that he chased "Tony" to the nearby Blockbuster Video parking lot and saw him leave in a beige Oldsmobile Cutlass.

Police later found the car, but not "Tony," an officer said.

Services were Friday, July 25, at Holy Family Catholic Church with the Rev. William Fisherkeller officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Memorials are suggested to Holy Family Memorial Fund or the American Cancer Society.

MATYAS, STEVE, 85, of Brussels, formerly of Granite City, died Wednesday, July 23, 1997, at Greenwood Manor in Greenville, Ill., following a one-month illness.

Graveside services were held Monday, July 28, at Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville with the Rev. Tom Wise officiating.

SPIES, GLADYS O. (PAUL DING), 84, of Granite City died at 11:07 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, 1997, at Colonial Care Nursing Home in Granite City.

Graveside services were held Friday, July 25, at Montrose Cemetery in Greenville with the Rev. Linda Schugert officiating.

NICOLUSSI, JOSEPH Sr., 89, of Glen Carbon died at 8:26 a.m. Friday, July 25, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Services were held Monday, July 28, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Glen Carbon with the Rev. John Corrado, pastor of St. Boniface Catholic Church of Edwardsville, officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to Masses.

KOESTERER, ALICE M., 89, of Granite City died at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, July 24, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She was born Oct. 28, 1907, in Baden, Mo.

A prayer service was held Sunday, at Irwin Chapel, 3801 Madison Ave., Granite City. Funeral services were held Monday, July 28, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 26th and Washington, Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Fisherkeller officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis.

Memorials are suggested to Masses.

Fire

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Repairing the bridge will cost several thousand dollars, said Larry Reynolds of Keller Construction, which is contracted to complete the trail. "It's still under contract," he said. "It'll probably take a week to repair."

Reynolds said construction of the trail will be completed in September.

Although the trail is not SIUE property, it does join the university trail. The path runs from ESSIC Drive in Edwardsville to Anderson Lane in Granite City.

"The section where the bridges are being built are not open," Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville spokesperson Sam Smith said. "They've been closed for some time."

— From The Telegraph

Shots

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"One of the easiest ways to protect children is to immunize," she said.

Clinic hours in Madison County are 2 to 5:30 p.m. Mondays and 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Health Department, 2119 Troy Road, Edwardsville.

The Rotary Club of Goshen is also teaming up with Anderson Hospital in Maryville to help special-needs families with their children's back-to-school needs.

Free physicals for 100 children meeting the guidelines will be available from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the hospital on a first come basis.

The checkup includes lead, hearing, dental, vision and speech screenings, blood pressure and urine tests, and shots for kindergarten, fifth and ninth graders.

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For additional information, contact Lori St. John at 288-5711, ext. 366.

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Pastor joins Mt. Zion Baptist

The Rev. Kenneth L. Miller and his wife, Becky, will be joining Mt. Zion General Baptist Church at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday for his first day as the new pastor.

Miller had his calling into the ministry in November 1986 at New Home General Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff, Mo., and was later ordained on March 27, 1988, at the Presbytery of the New Liberty General Association of General Baptists.

Miller is currently serving as secretary on the executive committee of the Foreign Mission Board. He and his wife have a 25-year-old son. He holds a bachelor degree in marketing-cooperative education.

Club holds meeting

The May meeting of the Butterfly Card Club was entertained at the home of Harriet Hoff after having lunch at Red Lobster in Fairview Heights.

After dessert was served, the afternoon was spent playing pinocchio and prizes awarded to the high scorers.

Each member received a floral jewelry box.

In attendance was Catherine Hommert, Lorraine Melloy, Hazel Rollins, Junetta Roscnburg, Edith Ryan, Nell Talley and Ilene Willis. Joe Ravanelli was a guest.

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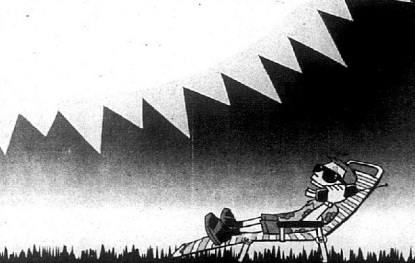
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Schmidt brings campaign to county

Gubernatorial candidate calls for change in state financing of education

Democratic hopeful John Schmidt kicked off his bid for the governor's office Monday in Edwardsville, hoping to gain support from Madison County voters.

The Chicago native said there are common issues affecting both large upstate cities as well as smaller downstate communities, citing education funding as one example.

"I think we need to restructure education funding in Illinois, take the burden off property taxes, shift it to income taxes and increase funding in the state," Schmidt said. "If you do not provide decent education, taxpayers will pay down the road in welfare costs and crime."

The afternoon announcement at Rusty's Restaurant Bar and Catering, 1201 N. Main St., was part of the Chicago Democrat's five-day tour of the state. On hand Monday were state Rep. Glenn Bradford, D-Glen Carbon, and Madison County Board member Jack Franden, D-Alhambra.

Franden said he was particularly impressed by Schmidt's work in helping foster the federal COPS program, which put 100,000 new police officers on the streets in communities across the country.

"As far as I'm concerned, that's one of the best programs ever to come out of Washington," Franden said, adding that Schmidt would be his choice for governor at this point.

Bradford said it was too early in the race for him to endorse any candidate, but said he was pleased with Schmidt's visit.

"We're happy to see a candidate devote part of his attention to the Metro East," Bradford said after the announcement, adding that he'd like to see more downstate visits from gubernatorial hopefuls.

"He's a credible candidate," Bradford said.

Schmidt said he supports the death penalty and is also pro-choice, having worked with state and local agencies to protect a woman's right to choose despite threats of violence.

He said he's counting on the heavily Democratic voting base in Madison County to give him the edge, first in the primaries, then in the general election next November. Boosting economic development in Southwestern Illinois is a key to his platform, he said.

The new "brownfields" law,

which provides tax incentives to businesses willing to clean up contaminated industrial sites for new development is "a very good piece of legislation," he said. The bill was signed in Alton last week by Gov. Jim Edgar.

"Anything we can do to aid areas that are not sharing in prosperous economic growth is critical," he said.

Schmidt's day in the sun was momentarily eclipsed by Illinois Republican Party Chairman Harold Smith, who issued a sharply critical written statement Monday.

"John Schmidt wants to start at the top, but he is untested as both a candidate and elected official," he said. "Illinois cannot afford to let John Schmidt use the governor's office as a training

ground for his political ambitions."

According to information circulated by the Schmidt, 53, campaign, President Clinton in July 1994 appointed Schmidt

associate U.S. attorney general, the No. 3 spot in the Justice Department. Schmidt said he used the opportunity to implement crime and violence reduction programs.

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Art Voellinger

Attendance figures tied to Title IX

This summer marks more than the 25th anniversary of Watergate. It's also an anniversary of President Nixon signing into law what is termed Title IX, meaning equity in athletics for men and women.

The law requires all federally funded institutions, including collegiate athletic departments, to award financial assistance as well as benefits in proportion to the number of male and female athletes.

Is Title IX being met? My summer reading indicates that college and university administrators well know today how to publicly beat the drum for equity, but what I've found is that there is no football, especially where there is football without a guarantee of huge paying crowds, there's a problem.

To support such a contention consider the following from a spring edition of the "Daily Egyptian," the on-campus publication at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

"At SIUC, scholarship dollars must be equal based on the athlete-participation goal of 60 percent male to 40 percent female, which corresponds to the overall ratio of male to female students at SIUC."

"According to SIUC's 1996 NCAA gender equity survey, men's athletic teams were awarded 104.69 scholarships. Of those, 57.01 went to the football program, which left 47.68 scholarships for the six remaining men's teams. The seven women's athletic teams received 63.37 scholarships, which were more evenly divided between them."

"Because more than half of the men's scholarships went to football, more female golf, track and field, basketball and swimming team members receive scholarships than their male counterparts."

"Listen also to Salukis men's track coach Bill Cornell, who said: 'I think it is totally wrong, with the exception of football, that every other men's sport has less scholarships than what the women have. It seems totally unfair to me that we are in the situation from what it has been in the past, all because of football.'"

Figures supporting Cornell include that in 1996 a total of 23 SIUC men's track and field athletes received scholarships compared to 33 for women.

Again, football at SIUC, where a home game attendance of 20,000 would be exceptional, could help correct such inequities just as increased basketball attendance at SIUC Arena might.

Meanwhile, even with an increase of athletic scholarship money from \$72,800 in 1992 to \$634,689 (from 31 to 38 percent of the scholarship pie) in '97, discrepancies remain.

Last basketball season, for instance, the Salukis men's basketball team flew to North-ern Iowa via charter while the women took an 11-hour bus trip to the same location.

Also of interest is that in 1992 SIUC athletic department operating expenses showed \$179,074 (22 percent) for women and \$612,206 (77 percent) for men. In 1997 the percentages remained the same with \$338,600 going to the women and \$1.1 million to men.

Of equal concern is that the Illinois Board of Higher Education, which determines dollar allocations to schools, will not be dumping \$1 million into the SIUC budget in '97-'98.

To replace money that went to salary support, SIUC's Board of Trustees has approved an increase in student activity fees from \$53 per semester in 1996-'97 to \$58 in '98 and \$68 in '99. With such, a student is entitled to one free ticket for all men's and women's sporting events.

Will gender equity be fully realized in another 25 years? My bet is at SIUC or elsewhere, as long as football is involved and huge crowds are not a guarantee, there will always be some inequity.

(Art Voellinger is the baseball and soccer coach at O'Fallon High School. He writes a twice-weekly column for the Journal.)

Post 113 holds off Murphysboro

Triplets take tourney opener

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Justin Bettorf hurled seven strong innings and Tri-City Post 113 withstood a spirited ninth-inning rally by Murphysboro Post 127 as the Triplets opened Fifth Division Tournament play with a 10-7 win Wednesday.

Tri-City was slated to play Fairview Heights on Wednesday night.

Murphysboro scratched across a run in the top of the first, but the Triplets answered with three of their own in the bottom half of the inning.

Scott Smallic and Greg Winfield both reached on one-out singles. One out later, Dustin Brewer walked to load the bases. Jeff Hayden then lined an 0-1 pitch down the right field line for a bases-clearing triple, giving Tri-City a 3-1 lead.

Hayden, who was 2-for-4 on the afternoon with five RBIs, struck again in the third inning, lining a hot fly ball to right to send Smallic home and give Tri-City a 4-1 advantage.

The Triplets scored once in

Tri-City 10, Murphysboro 7									
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MURPHY	4	1	1	0	1	Fleener	4	2	1
Gray	3	1	1	0	0	Smalley	4	2	1
Rowland	2	0	0	0	0	Wintars	3	1	0
McCann	2	0	0	0	0	Hawke	3	1	0
Pierson	2	0	0	0	0	Brewer	3	1	1
Rowland	2	0	0	0	0	Murphy	3	1	1
Schneider	3	0	0	0	0	Kelly	3	1	1
Hill	4	0	0	0	0	Kandaki	3	0	0
Handelman	2	0	0	0	0	Wallace	3	0	0
Juckett	2	0	0	0	0	Burns	2	0	0
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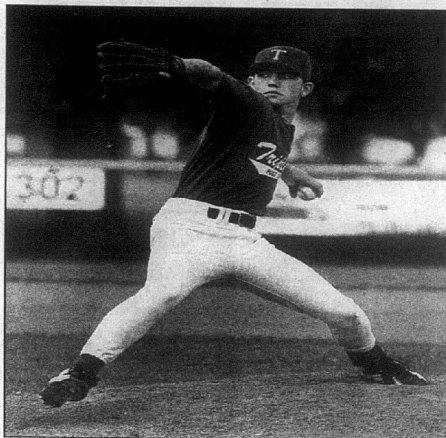
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Murphysboro									
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR
Fleener	7	9	4	4	1	4	1	0	0
Smalley	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Wintars	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawke	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brewer	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murphy	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelly	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kandaki	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallace	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burns	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	36	10	4	2	11	2	0	0

the fourth, when Paul Kacera raced home on P.J. Fleener's hard groundout to third, and pushed four more runs across in the bottom of the fifth.

Reliever Tommy Hall hit Winfield to open the fifth inning. Ryan Kelleke then sent a sharp single to left center. After Brewer fanned, Hayden picked up RBI number five with a single to left. Both Hayden and Kelleke then advanced one base when the throw from the outfield got away from shortstop Josh Kranawetter.

John Kelly then sent a shot



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESI)

Justin Bettorf went seven innings in Wednesday's 10-7 win over Murphysboro in the Fifth Division Tournament.

to left that was misjudged by Joe Gray, allowing both runners to score and sending Kelly on to second. Kelly then

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Wednesday, July 30
Game 1: Tri-City 10, Murphysboro 7
Game 2: Carmi vs. Mount Vernon, 3 p.m.
Game 3: Tri-City vs. Fairview Heights, 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 31
Game 4: Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, 3 p.m.
Game 5: Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3, 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 1
Game 6: Winner Game 4 vs. Loser Game 3, 1 p.m.
Game 7: Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 5, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 2
Finals
Game 8: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 7, 1 p.m.
Game 9: Winner Game 8 vs. Loser Game 6 (if necessary), 4 p.m.

came home on a two-out single by Tim Wallace.

Tri-City tied 9-1 after five innings and won up 10-3 heading into the ninth.

Mike Ahlvers took the mound for the Triplets in the ninth, replacing Chris Flala, who had hurled the eighth.

Ahlvers was rocked for three hits, with an error thrown in. (See TRIPLETS, Page 3B)

Race takes drive out of new track

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Heat plus weight equals trouble. That's the lesson learned from Saturday's Gateway 300 at Gateway International Raceway.

Elliott Sadler claimed his third NASCAR Busch Series title of the season, but the win took a back seat to the weather on a miserably hot day in Madison where 10 cars crashed into the turn two wall as they skidded on loose asphalt and 21 spectators were transported to area hospitals. Two of them were pronounced dead.

As early as Thursday morning's practice sessions, the Gateway track was in trouble. "We looked at it after the practice sessions and even (Friday) night," said Gateway President and General Manager Rod Walter. "We even thought about cutting it out and putting some high-strength concrete in. We and NASCAR (officials) were out there looking at it and we agreed it wasn't that serious of a prob-

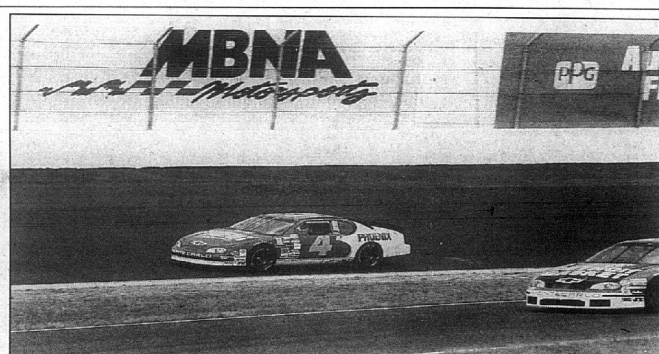
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lem. We just lost some fine material on the track."

But that fine material caused plenty of problems on Saturday, as 14 cars crashed, 10 of them into the wall at turn two where the asphalt came loose.

Temperatures soared to 101 degrees on the afternoon, to 120 degrees in the non-air conditioned race cars, and to 170 degrees on the track. That, coupled with the punishment of 42 cars, each weighing 3,300 pounds, racing around the 1.25-mile egg shaped oval, was simply too much for the new track to take.

In an official statement released after the race, Gateway Chairman Chris Pook said, "We are very disappointed about what has happened to the track surface in Turns 1 and 2. We had everything in our power to have our engineers build a surface that could handle NASCAR stock car racing under normal conditions. Track temperatures of (See TRACK, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESI)

Dale Shaw makes his way around the track at Gateway International Raceway during last week's qualifying round. Shaw finished third behind Elliott Sadler and Jason Keller in Saturday's race.

Heated battle Sadler top survivor in Gateway 300

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

In a race featuring frequent crashes, shredded rubber and mangled metal, it was only fitting that the winner would limp across the finish line.

Elliott Sadler, with serious vibration in the right front of his Phillips 66-sponsored Chevrolet, nursed along his No. 29 race car over the last few laps and held off a late charge by a streaking Jason Keller to win the inaugural Gateway 300 Saturday at Gateway International Raceway.

On a restart at lap 214, both Sadler and Mike Dillon, who was running second at the time, swept high on turn two. Sadler bumped the wall, but maintained his lead when Dillon, too, caught wall, but harder. Still, damage was done to Sadler's car and the right front vibration grew worse with each lap.

Both drivers kept going after their brush with the turn two wall and no caution was

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issued. But, two laps later, Dillon was not as fortunate. His high pass on turn two sent him solidly into the wall, drawing a caution and giving Sadler a sizeable lead over Kevin Lepage, who had taken over second place, despite a provisional start from the 39th position.

The race featured 14 cautions, 10 of them as a result of accidents on turn two — where the white wall was smeared with streaks of black where driver after driver found the concrete only to lose the right side of his car.

Under the intense heat of the day — 101 degrees and 170 degrees on the track — and the 3,300-pound weight of the Busch Series cars, the new Gateway track gave way. Small sections of asphalt broke loose, producing what race drivers call "marbles" or "gravel," and making it nearly impossible, at

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESI)

Racing fans brave the heat at Gateway International Raceway last week. There were more than 50,000 in attendance at the Gateway 300 on Saturday.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESI)

Drivers take their laps during qualifying sessions at Gateway International. A combination of severe heat and friction damaged Gateway's surface and led to 14 crashes in Saturday's race.

Weather runs Gateway off track

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Gateway International Raceway has been getting some bad press since Saturday's running of the Gateway 300, where "gravel" produced from loose asphalt on turn two sent car after car crashing into the wall.

Accusing fingers have been pointed at both the race track, which is said to be too new, and the quality of the asphalt, which is said to be inferior, as the underlying cause of frequent accidents at the NASCAR Busch Series race.

But asphalt companies on both sides of the Mississippi

join Gateway in saying it just isn't so.

The asphalt used in paving the track at Gateway was of top quality grade. A grade seldom, if ever, used by paving companies on city, county or state roads. It was a special mix, truly top of the line.

And the race track's newness was also not a factor in the problems on Saturday.

Christopher R. Pook, chairman of GIR, put the blame squarely at the feet of high temperatures on the track. "Track temperatures of 150 to 160 degrees pushed the track beyond its maximum engineering tolerances," he said in an official press release.

Those temperatures, which reached as high as 170 degrees on the track while fans sweated in 101-degree heat, softened the asphalt. Tire temperatures were actually higher than the boiling point of asphalt. And as the tires of the race cars gripped into the upper surface of the track, some of the fine material came off the top.

"It was simply a matter of heat and friction," said Richard Adams of Adams Asphalt and Paving in Collinsville. "It doesn't matter if the asphalt had cured for two months or for two years, the same thing would have happened. And (See GATEWAY, Page 2B)

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North Division
Single Elimination
Friday, July 18
Game 1: Dupo vs. East St. Louis 1
Game 2: Troy 6, Highland 3
Saturday, July 19
Game 3: Bethalto 6, Dupo 2
Game 4: Troy 6, Tri-City 0
Game 5: Bethalto 2, Alton 1
Double Elimination
Monday, July 21
at Gordon Moore Park, Alton
Game 1: Collinsville 10, Bethalto 0 (6 inn.)
Game 2: Edwardsville 2, Troy 0
Tuesday, July 22
Game 3: Troy 3, Bethalto 1
Game 4: Collinsville 8, Edwardsville 2
Wednesday, July 23
Game 5: Troy 4, Edwardsville 1

Championship: Collinsville 3, Troy 1
South Division
Single Elimination
Friday, July 18
Game 1: Belleville 5, Cahokia 2
Game 2: Waterloo 11, Smithton 3
Saturday, July 19
Game 3: Belleville 7, O'Fallon 3
Game 4: Waterloo 1, Nashville 0 (9 inn.)
Double Elimination
Monday, July 21
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Game 1: Fairview Heights 3, Waterloo 1
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Wednesday, Aug. 6
Game 1: Fifth Division Tournament winner vs. Second Division Tournament winner, 11 a.m.
Game 2: First Division Tournament winner vs. Fourth Division Tournament winner, 2:30 p.m.
Game 3: Third Division Tournament winner vs. Mattoon, 7 p.m.

(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

Tri-City Junior Legion player Elliot Dine lines up a throw during a recent game.

Sadler

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times, to steer out of trouble. It was like trying to control a car that hits a sheet of ice at high speed.

In all, there were 14 cautions for a total of 75 laps on Saturday. Half the field failed to finish and only 10 cars completed 240 laps. The average speed on the afternoon was a sluggish 78.802 mph.

"It was a long, hot day and I'm just glad we were able to stick around for the end," said Sadler, who had crashed in qualifying on Friday and drove a backup car to victory on Saturday. "We didn't have the fastest car, but we stayed out of trouble. That's what you've got to do in these 300-mile races."

Pole-sitter Joe Bessey gave up the lead off the start to Ricky Craven, who set the pace for the first 22 laps. There were 15 lead changes in all, spread among eight different drivers.

The race was problem free until a crash on lap eight claimed three cars. Soon others followed like falling dominoes, and it was no longer a matter of who was going to win, but who was going to finish.

Sadler passed rookie Steve Park on lap 192 to take over second place and trailed only Bobby Labonte. Labonte's car looked loose in the turns on lap 199, but the Corpus Christi, Texas, driver kept his Shell Pontiac in front.

Off a restart on lap 210, Labonte veered into the wall at turn two, destroying the right

side of his car. Park, who was just out of the pit area, was in the wrong place at the wrong time. As he tried to steer his AC-Delco Chevrolet around and between cars that were dodging Labonte, he, too, ended up against the wall.

"I got loose going into (turn) one," Labonte said. "I don't know if I had a flat tire. The right tire felt a little weird under that yellow, but there's so much gravel on the race track that you really feel anything. I went down in there and I knew when I got there I was going to be a little too loose. I tried to recover, but I just slid up into the wall."

Sadler, who had won at Nazareth and again at Myrtle Beach last week, led the rest of the way, though he played it safe and slow. But he also had some help.

Lepage, Sadler's nearest threat, began dropping fast on lap 224, having run out of fuel. Jason Keller took over second, followed by Dale Shaw, who had been charging fast since lap 230.

Keller closed fast on the last lap, finishing just .187 of a second behind the winner, as Sadler nearly took it too easy in trying to cope with his car's vibration.

"It was a tough race track to get around because of the heat," Sadler said. "You had to stay in line and, if somebody slipped, you'd get by 'em."

And that, the 22-year-old Emporia, Va., native knows, is how the race was won.

Gateway

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regardless of the quality of the asphalt, it would have happened. When you get the kind of heat they had Saturday on the race track, and add the friction of the tires, all asphalt, regardless of age or quality, is going to react the same way."

On just about any other weekend of the year, the Gateway 300 could have come off without incident. But not in Saturday's scorching conditions.

Gateway International was built to handle the rigors of NASCAR racing and more. Last weekend's failure was not Gateway's failure. Problems arose, not because Gateway couldn't handle NASCAR racing, but because it couldn't handle the heat.

In fact, the experts agree, there's not a race track anywhere that could have handled the heat and the conditions any differently. Duplicate the conditions at tracks in Florida, California or New Hampshire,

or anywhere else for that matter, and the story line would be the same.

Already, as early as Monday morning, Gateway engineers and NASCAR officials were on the track, determining what, if anything, could be done to keep such a situation from recurring. Pook is determined to "get it right and grow this thing."

Saturday's problems at Gateway were not a matter of time and quality, but a matter of heat and friction. And chances are slim to none that similar circumstances would ever again combine to create such difficulties.

Still, to Gateway's credit, its engineers are searching for ways to make the track better. As perfect as possible.

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Practice for girls tennis at Granite City High School this fall will begin 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 18. Players need to bring racket, parent permission forms and physical forms. For more information, call Jerry McKeehan at 451-5886.

GCHS football
Weight training for anyone playing football at Granite City High School is being held 7:30-9 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, in the high school weight room. Agility drills are also part of the program.

Training is for all incoming freshmen through seniors and will continue until the first day of football practice Aug. 13.

LCCC basketball league
The Lewis & Clark Community College fall youth basketball league will begin play Sept. 8-9. The league will feature a division for boys in 7th and 8th grade and a division for boys in 5th and 6th grade. The cost to enter is \$300 and will help fund athletic scholarships. To register a team, call LCCC basketball coach Doug Stotler at 466-3411, ext. 6200.

Maniacs tryouts
The Missouri Maniacs 14-under and 18-under softball teams are holding tryouts this summer. The three-time national qualifiers will be competing for berths in the AFA, NSA and USSSA national tournaments for 1998.

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Golf tournament
The Highland Country Club will hold its 14th annual Ladies Swiss Open on Aug. 1-2. The two-day, 36-hole golf tournament is sponsored by Tri Ford Mercury, Inc.

The first day will consist of an 18-hole flight qualification round. A target score will apply on the second day of play. The number of flights will be based on the number of entries, which are limited to 100.

The \$65 entry fee includes a free practice round, 36 holes of golf, cart, a Friday night meal, Saturday night hors d'oeuvres, and target attendance prizes and much more. The Highland Country Club is located about two miles east of Highland on Illinois 40.

Bass tournament
Ainad Temple of East St. Louis will hold its third annual bass tournament Sept. 28 on Rend Lake at Wayne Fitzgerald State Park in Whittington, Ill.

The tournament will run from daybreak to 3 p.m. and is an open two-man team competition. The entry fee is \$100 per team, \$120 after Sept. 14. The tournament is limited to 200 boats.

There will be 10 winners, with first place receiving \$4,000. Payback is based on 200 teams. There will also be prizes drawn at the weigh-in and pre-tournament meeting.

Youth golf
Grand Marais Golf Course, at Frank Holten State Park in East St. Louis, is hosting a free youth golf program for 60 boys and girls from the Metro East this summer.

The five-week program, held in conjunction with the Whitey Herzog Youth Foundation and the Illinois Conservation Foundation, offers golf instruction,

golf course management and education counseling. All equipment will be loaned to students during the program. Students who successfully complete the program will have access to the driving range and course.

Participants will attend clinics twice each week from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and will be able to explore several different areas of the golf industry, learn the responsibilities of employment and receive educational job training for the future.

The program is being funded with private donations and proceeds from a golf tournament held at Grand Marais on June 26. Donations are still being taken. For more information, call Barbara Taylor at 398-9999.

Golf tourney
The Rich Saugat/Children's Center Charity Golf Classic, a five-player scramble to benefit the Children's Center Development Fund, will be held Aug. 8

at the Prairies Golf Course in Cahokia. The entry fee is \$150 per golfer and includes cart, tournament prizes, attendance prizes, luncheon, dinner, beverages and a player's package.

Prizes include trips, golf irons, group parties at area restaurants, tickets to sporting events, jewelry and more. The winner of a Hole in One contest on No. 7 will receive the use of a 1998 Ford Escort for one year, courtesy of Aufferberg. The winner of a Hole in One contest on No. 17 will receive a 1997 GMC Sonoma, courtesy of Bob Brockland Pontiac/GMC.

The tournament will be divided into championship and A and B flights and tees off at noon. A luncheon will be served at 11 a.m. on the patio, with a buffet dinner and mini-auction at 5:30 p.m.

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for good measure, and walked two and hit a batter. Murphysboro drew within 10-7 and had the bases loaded with two outs, when Flala was brought back in to face Robert Rendelman.

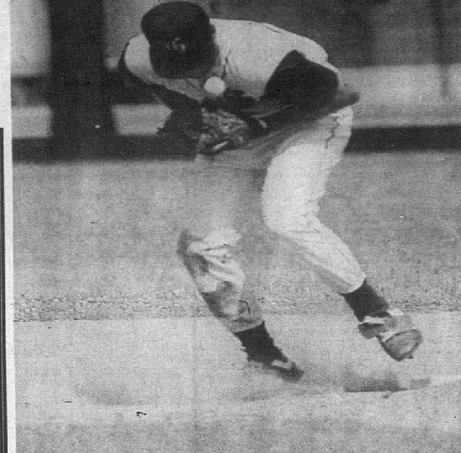
Rendelman, who went 0-for-5 on the day, grounded out to second, ending the game.

"Justin Bettorf did his usual good job," said Post 113 manager Ralph Burnett Jr. "Before the game he told me, 'Don't worry about it; I'll get

them out.' And that's exactly what he did."

The Triplets moved on to face Fairview Heights, the District 22 champions. "Fairview Heights is one tough team, but they've lost eight times this year and we're

playing very well right now," Burnett said. "For being off as long as we have been, we hit the ball very well. We hit it hard, we moved runners along, we sacrificed when we needed, to. We're doing all the little things you have to do to win."



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESF) Granite City shortstop Jamie Hogan fields a grounder. The Steelers are scheduled to host Valmeyer on Sunday.

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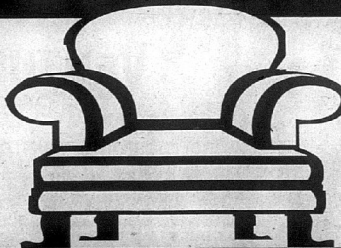
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150 to 160 degrees have obviously pushed the track beyond its maximum engineered tolerances."

Still, "This is not unusual for Busch races," Sadler said. "It wasn't that bad. Everyone had to race on it."

Yet, those who spun on the gravel and slammed into the wall were whining louder than tires on the straightaway.

"I don't think it's much of a race track," said Kyle Petty, who slammed into the wall at turn two on lap 75. "Blow it up and start all over."

"It's terrible," said fellow Winston Cup driver Robert Pressley, who found the turn two wall on lap 62.

"The race track is terrible," said Bobby Labonte, who led the race from laps 168 to 208. "It isn't safe."

Todd Bodine, who hit the turn two wall on successive laps, claimed, "I was just a victim of the race track."

But the complaints had the smell of sour grapes. Ricky Craven, who led the race for the first 22 laps and who himself crashed into the wall at turn two, ending his afternoon, would not blame the track for his misfortune.

"It's a good track," he said. "The guys put a lot of effort into this track. I want to compliment them on it. This is not the only track to have problems with the asphalt."

Those who survived the numerous accidents and were still around at the end were definitely whistling a more positive tune.

"You couldn't do much racing out there," Sadler said. "You just had to stay in line

"It's a good track. I want to compliment them on it. This is not the only track to have problems with the asphalt."

— Ricky Craven
NASCAR driver

and, if somebody slipped, you'd get by 'em. If you're going to sweat to death and lose 10 pounds and about pass out at least you can make it to victory lane."

But victory lane lay along a slow and steady course on Saturday.

"It was the old tortoise and the hare deal," said Jason Keller, who finished second. As unbelievable as it sounds for a NASCAR event, the old fable's adage held true: "slow and steady wins the race."

"Guys made it easy for us," said Dale Shaw, who took third. "They took themselves out, and we didn't have to pass them."

In the end, the 22-year-old Sadler drove like a veteran. His simple strategy of "Save your car, save your brakes and be there at the end," belied his youth. Unlike many more experienced drivers, who seemed impatient on the afternoon, Sadler read the track like a savvy professional, avoided the problem spots, waited for his opportunities and took advantage of them when they came.

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Brighten up the world with your good humor. Clues to personal mysteries come clear when you examine your habits and those of people around you. Simple is best — don't overcomplicate your work routine.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Solitary work goes best. Remember to do a kind act for a bedridden loved one. The best work is done with the help of many others. Joining a health club with classes may alleviate procrastination.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Take a chance to renew or refresh a friendship. Stick to the truth in all dealings, especially with your boss. Your family needs your leadership most of all. Even the most stubborn are receptive today, so reach out.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 31)
Security in love brings out the best in you in August. You may be adored by many, but one person in particular can return affection as generously as you give it. New projects need a leader in September. If you wait for others, things never get rolling. In November and January, gamble on your creative powers. Your best signs for love are Pisces and Aries.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
A long-distance romance can be fun. Learn a new technological gadget. Shop for necessities. At last, you get the phone number of a good repair person. Be gentle with kids tonight — egos are easily bruised.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
The powers that be are under plenty of pressure and are pretending to be brave. Behind the scenes is where you can do the most good. Act as a contact for two friends who would make a brilliant team!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Thinking of others makes you happiest. You call from an ex can make your present love jealous, but tell the truth anyway. There is much to do at home enlist the aid of lazy family members, and keep smiling.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Your friendship with a Virgo can be a lifesaver. Stay out of workplace politics. Swing with the times — you're asked to do things you don't feel confident about, but others will fill you in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Romantic overtures from a friend may throw you off balance. You can handle anything that comes your way, but don't take on more responsibility than you have to. Being a good leader means saying no sometimes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
One who comes to you with a new proposal has picked you because of your reliability and competence. You promised the family, so follow through. An older authority figure is throwing his or her weight around.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Everyone wants to be your friend and confidant. Overcome your shyness. Romance is in the evening air, even if you've been married for years. Talk about future plans, even if you have been afraid to.

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ORGANIZATIONS

Eight & Forty
Madison County Salon, Eight and Forty, held its meeting May 20 at the American Legion in Edwardsville.

Hostesses were Dorothy Sooy and Frances Elbeck of Edwardsville, assisted by Dorothy Hinson and Norma Hillmer of Madison. Seven members were present.

Dorothy Sooy, Children and Youth chairwoman, reported sending \$25 to the Departmental for the "Mothers Day Tea," which is for cystic fibrosis research. A "thank you" was received from National Jewish Center in Denver, Colo., for the dittybags containing books, paper, pencils, and crayons for children when waiting for treatment.

Subscriptions were renewed for the waiting room at N.J.C. for "Ranger Rick" and "Your Big Backyard" magazines.

The attendance prize was won by Frances Cowley, Nurses Scholarship chairwoman, collected for this fund.

Judy Zimmerman, Departmental Chapeau, from Highland told of her visits to other Salons throughout Illinois this year.

To date, contributions on the state level are \$19,000 for Camp Superkids (an athletic camp for children operated by the Illinois State Association), \$5,000 for Nurses Scholarship, and \$2,828 for her Special Project, which will go to the Lung Association. She also told of her visit to National Jewish Center in Denver in April.

Election of officers was held for the 1997-98 year. The following were elected: Chapeau, Wanda Taylor of Bethalto; Demi Chapeau, Pamela Zella Ende of Bethalto; Secretary, Dorothy Hinson of Alton; L'Archiviste, Frances Elbeck of Edwardsville; L'Aumonier, Nancy Drury of Alton; and LaConcierge, Zerna Marmion of Sorento. Appointed were a Secretary, Dorothy Hinson of Madison and LaCassiere, Norma Hillmer of Madison. Installation will be held in September.

Delegates to the LaMarche Departmental (Convention) in Champaign in August will be: Elsie Vioreggo, Judy Zimmerman, Dorothy Hinson, Frances Elbeck, Wanda Taylor, Irene Schneek, and Shirley Landolt. Others will be attending.

A card party will be held Aug. 19 at 1:30 p.m.

Those attending from this area are Frances Cowley, Mary Ballentine, Kate Buechle, Norma Hillmer, and Dorothy Hinson.

Temperance Union
The Women's Christian Temperance Union of Madison County met May 10 in the Pontoon Beach Central Free Methodist Church.

This was a special occasion in which White Ribbon Recruits were welcomed and awarded. Nancy Paez of Alton; L'Archiviste, Frances Elbeck of Edwardsville; L'Aumonier, Nancy Drury of Alton; and LaConcierge, Zerna Marmion of Sorento. Appointed were a Secretary, Dorothy Hinson of Madison and LaCassiere, Norma Hillmer of Madison. Installation will be held in September.

The White Ribbon Recruits were Mattie Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Patterson of Glen Carbon, and Tori Boyer, daughter of Rob and Mrs. Roy Boyer of Arlington Heights.

The winner in the coloring, poster and essay contest were: Coloring, Grade one — first, Brooks Boyer; second, Collin Testerman; third, Joseph Harris.

Grade two — first, Kristen Hogan; second, Rachel Mudd; third, Jake Morley.

Grade three — first, Jamie Schmid; second, Kim Smith; third, Tristram Davis. Poster, Grade four through six — first, Kristine Turner; second, Leah Jones; third, Lydia Scandret.

Grade four through six — first, Rachel Jones; second, Lydia Scandret; third, Amber Woodard. Grades seven and eight — first, Jeremiah Cates; second, Kimberly Armody; third, Gary Greer. Grade 10 through 12 — first, April Guss; second, Jennifer Johnson; third, Justine Hale.

Garden Study Club
On June 4, the Granite City Garden Study Club held their monthly meeting at Wilson Park.

Treasurer Mildred Boyd reported that landscaping bricks had been purchased and put around the new gazebo at the park.

President Helen reported that she had sent District 5 money to help defray the cost of the state meeting to be held at Shady Garden in August. The motion was made and seconded to reimburse her for this.

Granite City will be the host for the District 5 meeting and flower show, and locations were discussed where to hold this. Helen and Mildred will look into locations and report back.

Members presented were Helen Mihur, Mildred Boyd, Mary Mang, Ruth Polson, Katie Kostoff, Mary Church and Lavern Malczynski.

Phi Tau Omega
The June meeting of the Eta Alumnae Chapter of Phi Tau Omega Sorority was hosted by Betty Harris and Van Stuart at Charlie's Restaurant.

Following the luncheon, card games occupied the afternoon. Prizes were awarded to those who excelled.

The following members were present: Betty Harris, Helen Hoelscher, Dorothy Johanninger, Mildred Jungles, LaVeeda Knoebbe, Marguerite Lexow, Elsie Rodell, Van Stuart, Ann McDowell, Mary Lou Tonick and Mary Evelyn Yenchio.

GCE
The June meeting of Granite City Unit GCE was opened by President Mary Thebeau. Hostesses Vera Schick and Vera Lynn gave an interesting lesson on teaching children responsibility.

Mary Redick won the attendance prize. September's hostesses will be Elizabeth Schmidt and LaNeil Lee. They will also be giving the plg, becoming politically astute, understanding and impacting the public policy process.

The new officers for the coming year will be President Mary Thebeau, First Vice President Florence Schick, Second Vice President Elizabeth Schmidt, Secretary Mary Evelyn Yenchio and Treasurer Sophie Thomas.

The new chairmen are as follows: public relations, Vincine Zerian; 4-H, Elizabeth Schmidt; cultural enrichment, Phyllis Bursatt; international, LaNeil Lee; community outreach, Florence Hagmuer; Ann Pates, Ann Miller; and young family issues, Ann Pates.

The Christmas party was discussed; the committee consists of Florence Hagmuer, Ann Pates, Vincine Zerian and Florence Stokes.

Retired Federal Employees
The National Association of Retired Federal Employees met June 10 at Charlie's Restaurant in Granite City.

Lunch was served to 33 members. There were four birthdays and four anniversaries celebrated in June.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Sid Vaughn. Attendance was won by Annette Scott.

Ver Thorne, first vice president, was a delegate to the May 1997 convention in Moline, Ill. She gave a lengthy report on the importance of news letters and recruiting new members.

There were three new members at the June meeting: Dorothy Koopman, Frieda Spennemann and Tom Berry.

There were 21 new members who joined the chapter in 1997. There will be no meetings in July and August.

The next monthly meeting will be 11:30 a.m. Sept. 9. For more information, call Helen Martin at 878-8450.

Eagles Auxiliary
The second June meeting of the Eagles Auxiliary was opened by President Mildred Boyd. All officers were present.

A letter and new no-egos egg poster was received from the Grand Aerie, as well as a poster regarding membership for the new year. A thank-you letter was received from Boy Scout troop 46 for a donation.

A letter was received from the Park District regarding the building of a new youth football facility at Worthen Park. A motion was made and seconded to donate money to the Park District.

Visiting chairman Helen Mihur sent sympathy cards to Sharon Cabel, Mary Hunt and Cheryl Williams.

Retired Office Personnel
Retired Office Personnel of Granite City School District 9 held their May meeting at Brenda's.

Those in attendance were June Schneider, June Mercer, Arlene Halteman, Millie Chandler, Wanda Kutzer, Lucie Stuck, Helen Favier, Evelyn Glazik, Barbara Larner, Freda Andrews, Marcella Pilcher, Dorothy Larner, Marge Burdge and Lucille Caban.



Julie Miller and Brett Milton

Miller-Milton
Julie Nicole Miller, daughter of Harold and Sherrie Miller of Granite City, and Brett Ervin Milton, son of Walter and Peggy Milton of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Miller, a 1997 graduate of Jewish College of Nursing, is employed by Barnes-Jewish Hospital of St. Louis as a staff nurse.

Milton, who is currently working toward his paramedic license, is employed by Abbott Ambulance Service of Fairview Heights as an emergency medical technician, and St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City as an emergency room technician.

An Aug. 9, 1997, wedding at W. 22nd Street Baptist Church in Granite City is being planned.

Buske-Scrum
Lisa Renee Buske, daughter of Ralph and Margaret Buske of Troy, and Jason Michael Scrum, son of Vincent and Annette Scrum of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Buske, a 1994 graduate of Granite City High School, attends Belleville Area College and is employed by Atomp Family Day Care.

Scrum, a 1991 graduate of Granite City High School, is employed by United Parcel Service.

A Sept. 13, 1997, wedding is being planned.

Eagle Park seniors celebrate
On June 5, the Eagle Park Aerie Senior celebrated birthdays for 14 members. Others joining in the celebration numbered 21.

The festive occasion took place at the Old Country Buffet in Fairview Heights.

On May 1, the seniors enjoyed a work shop conducted by Danella Watkins, a herbalist of Venice.

On May 5, Elzie McKillion, account executive with the Advantura Insurance Plan, conducted a seminar for seniors and other residents of the community.

New members
Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 2020 Johnson Road, gained four new members in May. They are, from left, Joyce Sawyer, Megan Gibbs, Cindy Gibbs and Willi Connolly.

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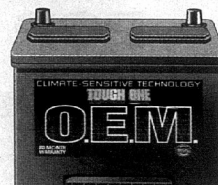
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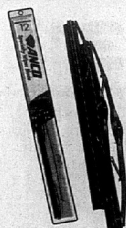


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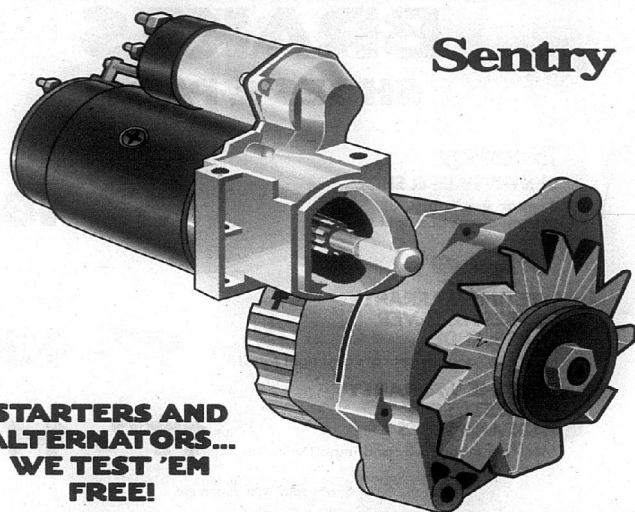
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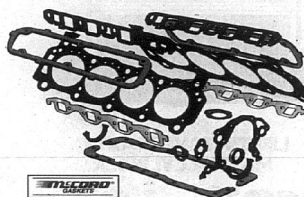
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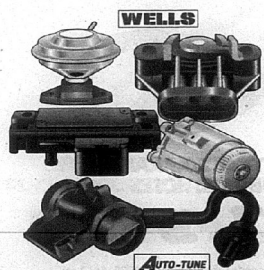
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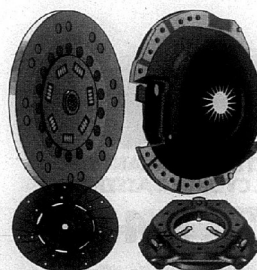
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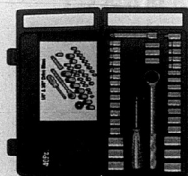


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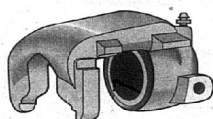
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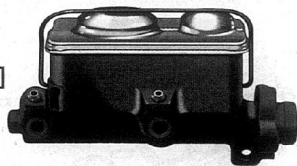


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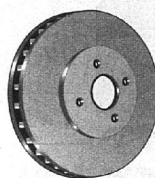
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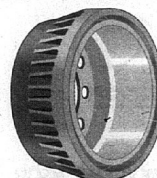


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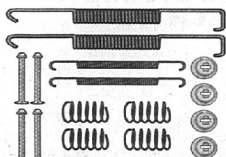
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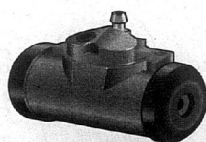
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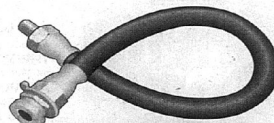


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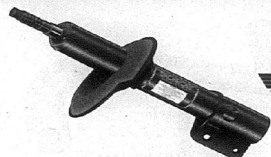
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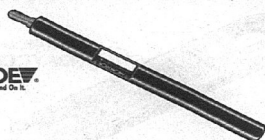
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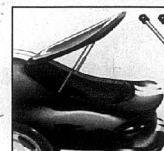
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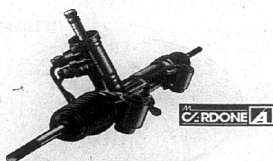
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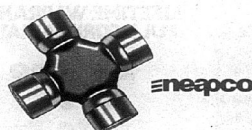
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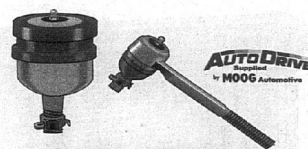
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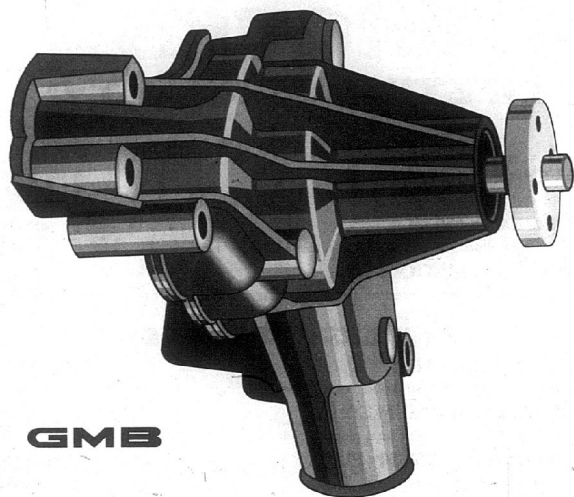


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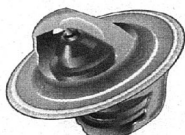
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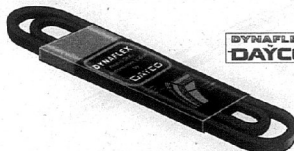
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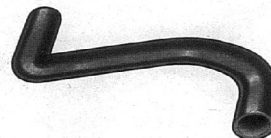
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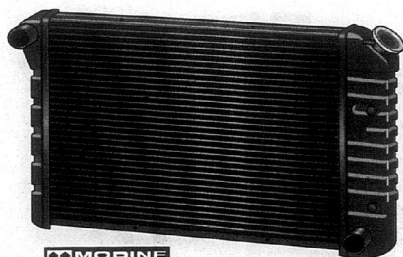
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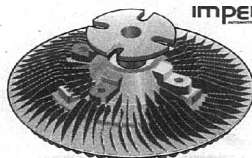


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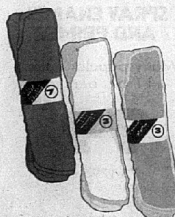


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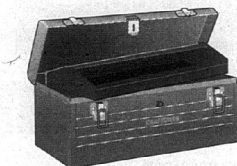
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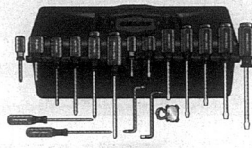
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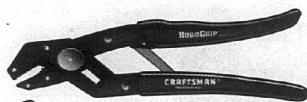
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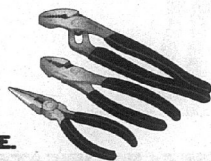
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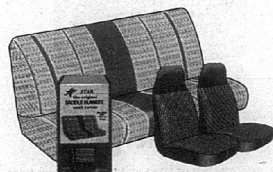


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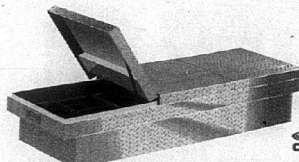
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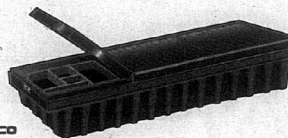


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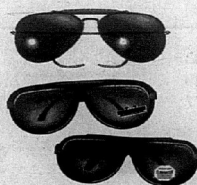


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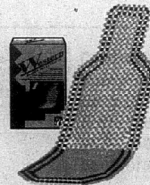


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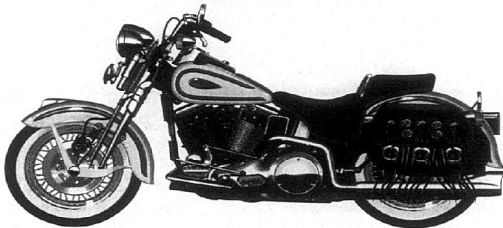
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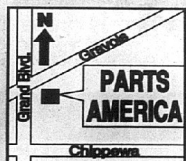
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